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# OTTO VON BISMARCK

Unification of Germany



# Review yesterday's class:

- \* Power
- \* Symmetrical vs Asymmetrical power relationships
- \* Use of Force Continuum
- \* Ingredients of power potential



# By the end of today's lesson you should:

- \* Know about the rise of Otto von Bismarck in Prussia
- \* Be able to explain the Crisis in the Crimea and what it meant for various European countries
- \* Be able to explain the way Bismarck began to exercise power in Prussia and Europe (including what he wanted and how he got it)

# Exit Card

- \* Put your name on it
- \* Fill out at end of class



# WHERE IS GERMANY?

Europe after the Congress of Vienna, 1815





# Prussia & Friends

- \* Germanic States
- \* Confederation of the Rhine
- \* Austria - big empire

# Austria - Major player

- \* Big Empire
- \* German speaking...sort of....
- \* Traditional powerhouse
- \* Very Roman Catholic
- \* Worried about Russians moving in next door



# Prussia

- \* 2nd biggest country in Confederation of the Rhine
- \* Very Protestant
- \* Kaiser Wilhelm I (King William I)
- \* Ambassador: Otto von Bismarck



# CRIMEAN WAR

Who's in? - Who's out?





# DARDANELLES AND BOSPORUS STRAITS

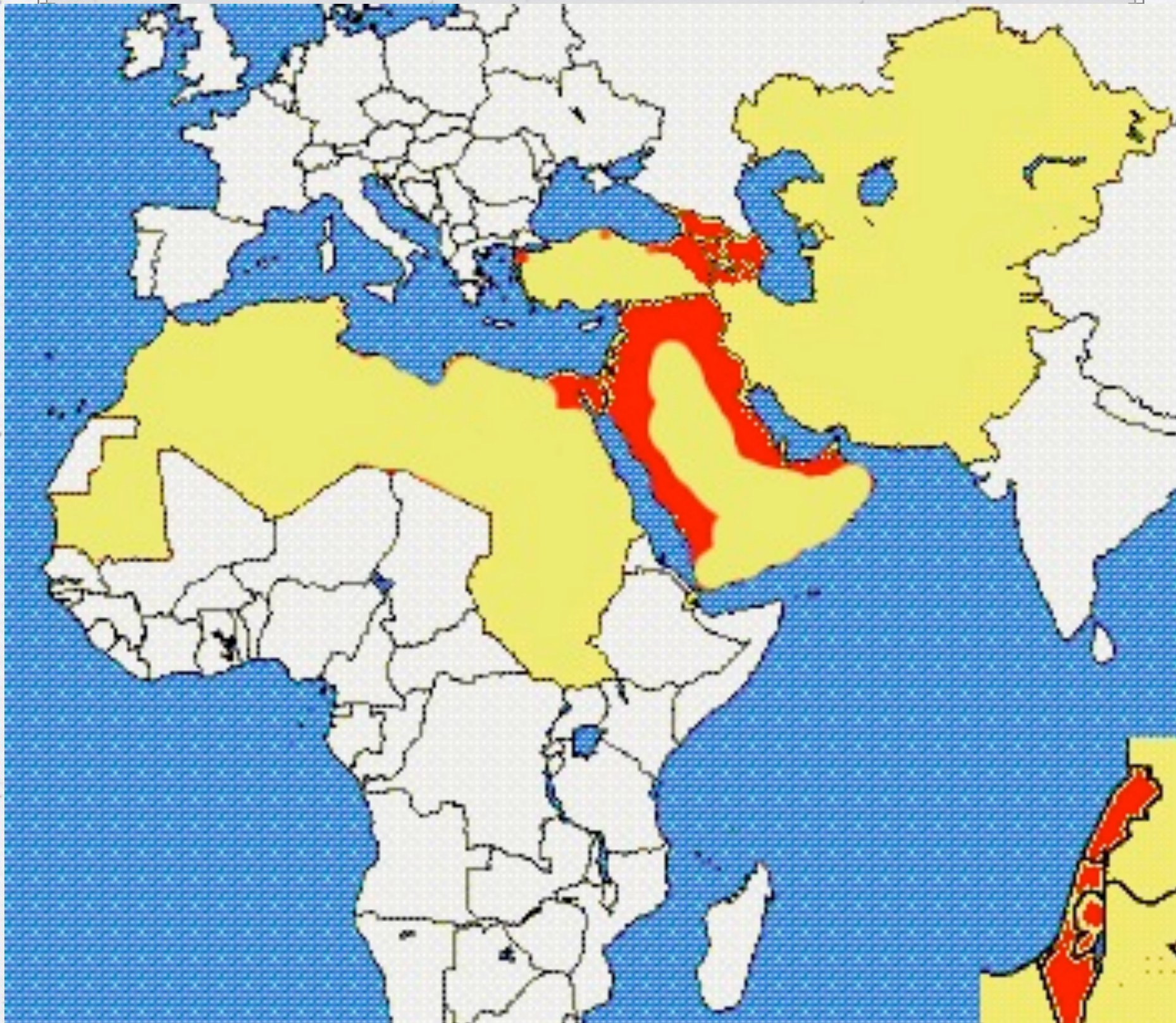
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# CRIMEAN WAR

Look at the Big Picture

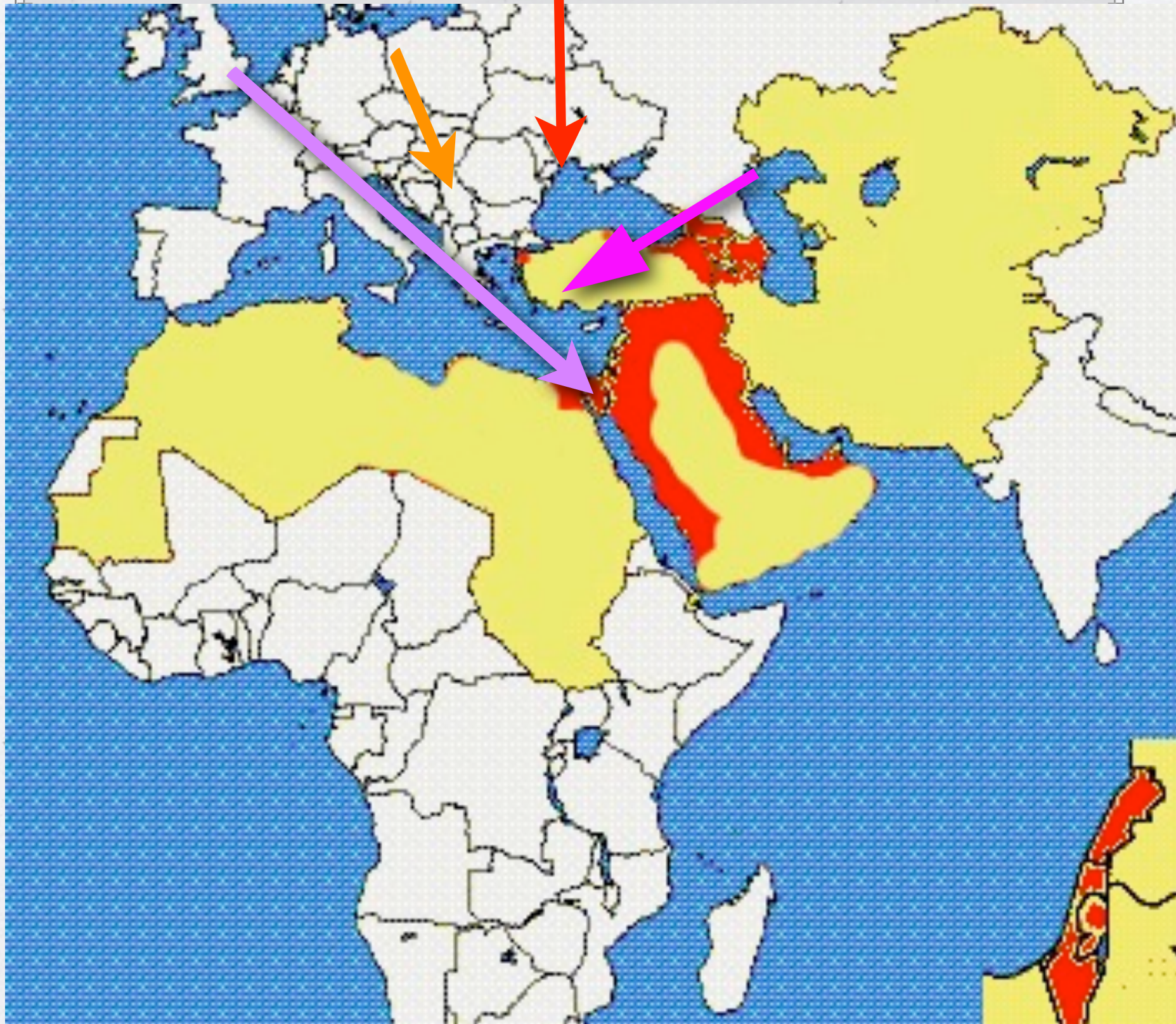




# CRIMEAN WAR

Look at ....

... the Big Picture





# What has this got to do with Prussia?

- \* Austria wants military assistance from Confederation of the Rhine.
- \* Prussia is a member of the Confederation of the Rhine
- \* Key question facing Prussia: Should Prussia support Austria in a war against Russia in the Crimea?



# Bismarck Recommends to Kaiser Wilhelm I...

- \* Do NOT get involved
- \* Prussia has nothing to gain and everything to lose
- \* Not Prussia's problem - stay out of it



# Movin' on up...

- \* Bismarck gets a promotion...
  - \* Ambassador to Russia
  - \* Ambassador to France
  - \* Prime Minister of Prussia
  - \* Chancellor of Prussia



# Bismarck's Promise to the King

- \* We will unify all of the German speaking peoples into one empire and the King will not have to give up any of his power or live under a constitution.



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# HOW WILL HE DO IT?

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# UNIFICATION PROCESS

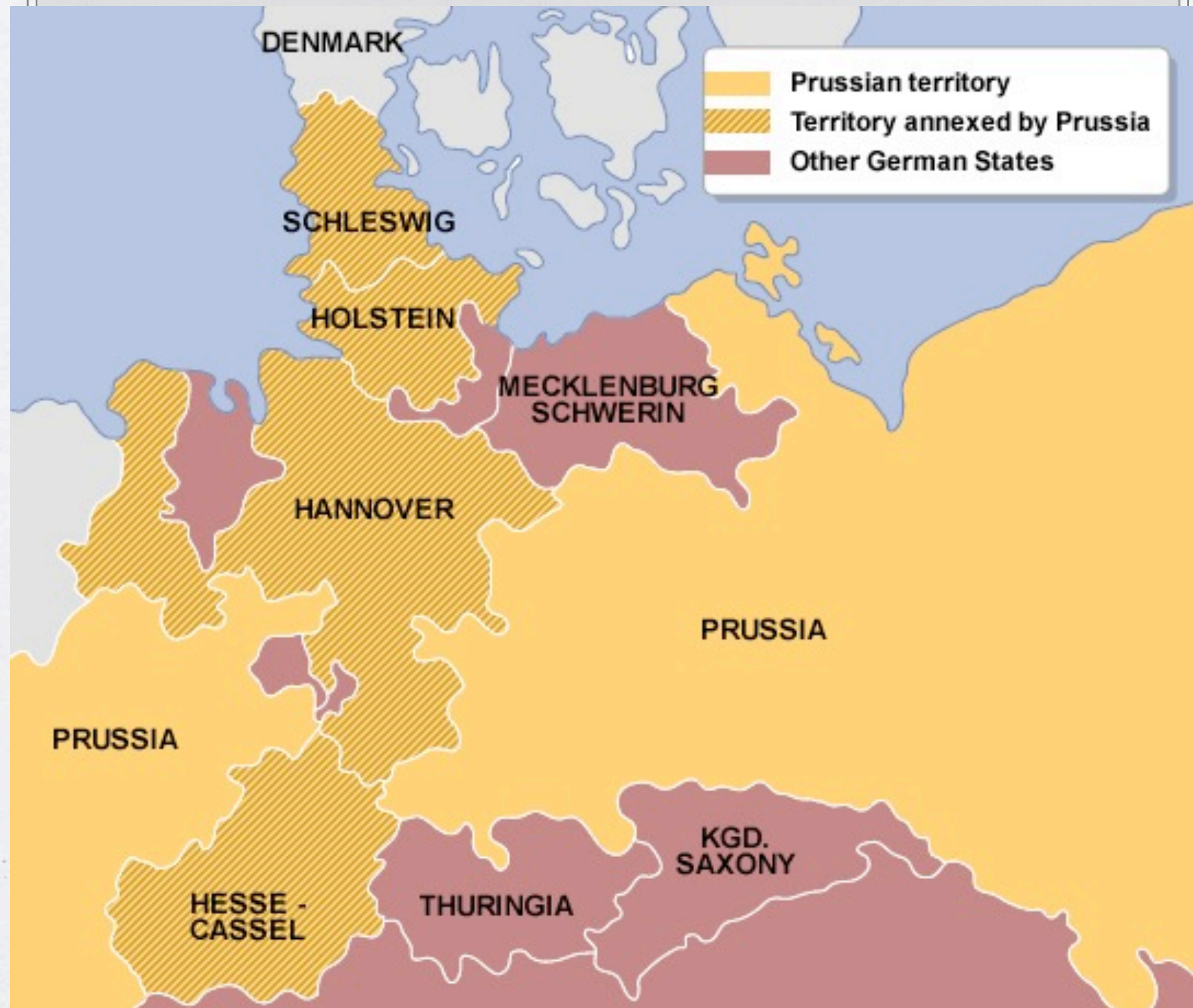
What does Bismarck do?





# SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

Prussia's War with Denmark





# German Propaganda

- \* Propaganda: What is it?
- \* Portrays Danes as hulking barbarians
- \* Mobilizes members of Confederation of the Rhine to fight
- \* Shares spoils of war with Austria - split Schleswig-Holstein territory.
- \* Set's up his next war.....AGAINST WHO?





# Exit Card Question:

- \* What was the war in the Crimea all about?
- \* What does Bismarck want to accomplish?
- \* Hand it in on your way out.



# Thursday

- \* Guest Speaker: Dr. Phillip Riteman
- \* Report here first, then we will proceed to the TMT
- \* Think of good questions to ask - he is a witness to one of the largest crimes in history.